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Beer-pong argument leads to stabbing

Mike Gerrity
MONTANA KAIMIN

A University of Montana student remains hospitalized after he was repeatedly stabbed over a game of beer pong last weekend.

Collan J. Sheppard, 23, has been charged with felony assault with a weapon and is being held on \$50,000 bail.

Sheppard, who is from East Glacier, stabbed Jerry Brady Stewart in the abdomen and the arm, puncturing an artery after the alleged disagreement, according to court records.

The incident occurred around 1:00 a.m. Saturday morning at 1117 Cleveland Street, where a party was being held and several people were playing beer pong in the basement.

UM sophomore Brenna Gibson – a member of the household – said Sheppard became angry with her over a “house rule” – a rule observed by some who play the game that depends on the household in which the game occurs.

“Because Collan had been being aggressive with me, Brady (Jerry Stewart) stepped in and told him to calm down because it was just a drinking game,” Gibson said.

According to Gibson, Sheppard, who was visibly drunk, turned to Stewart and asked if he wanted to step outside.

That’s when the night got ugly. “Witnesses at the party said the argument escalated between Sheppard and Stewart and a physical fight started,” court records state.

Gibson, however, said she saw Sheppard holding what looked like a folding knife before the two even made physical contact.

“He had the knife out before he got over to Brady,” Gibson said, and added that she saw Sheppard come at Stewart and back him into the corner by the

basement door as partygoers rushed in to pull him off.

After everyone drew back, she said she saw that Stewart was already bleeding from a large gash in his stomach.

“Brady was up against the wall holding in his intestines,” Gibson said.

UM sophomores Tawni Guisti and Hannah Hindman, who also live at the house, said Stewart’s wounds began to bleed out immediately, forming a pool of blood on the carpet.

Sheppard then rushed out of the house accompanied by his brother, Jorel Sheppard, a UM student, before other partygoers began to head out, according to Hindman and court records.

With Stewart bleeding on the basement carpet, Gibson managed to keep him awake while staying on the phone with 911.

“He was a trooper,” Guisti said. Several hours after the incident, Sheppard turned himself in to Missoula police.

In his appearance in Missoula County Justice Court, Sheppard’s attorney, Lance Jasper, said he had reason to believe his client, who has no previous criminal record, acted in self-defense.

Deputy Missoula County Attorney Jason Marks said he believes the eyewitness accounts offer no backing to such a defense.

“If the initial investigation looked like it was self-defense, we wouldn’t have charged him,” Marks said.

Though some rules vary between different households, beer pong is typically played on a table with pyramids of ten cups partially filled with beer set on opposite sides. Each player takes a turn shooting a ping-pong ball into one of the other

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Road woes



Kenneth Billington / Montana Kaimin

Joe Louiska affixes a banner Tuesday afternoon to his monster bike protesting the proposal for a massive five-lane road to be built on Russell Street. Louiska and others are advocating a three-lane road instead, which would limit the impact on homes and businesses. A public hearing on the issue will be held this Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Franklin School. “It’s nice for the public in the city to decide how their city is built,” Louiska said.

ASUM Senate approves \$300k for construction of Native American Center

Allison Maier
MONTANA KAIMIN

At an emergency meeting, the ASUM senate approved a university request to take \$300,000 from the academic facilities fund to compensate for an increase in construction costs for the new Native American Center.

The decision passed with a 19-1 vote, with ASUM Senator Dan Stusek voting against the request.

At the Montana Board of Regents meeting on Thursday, the University of Montana plans to ask the board, which oversees the Montana University System, to approve a \$1.25 million increase in spending authority for the construction of the new building. In particular, \$300,000 of

this increased spending will be taken from the academic facilities fund. This fund comes from the \$42 academic facilities fee that each student pays every semester.

Students will not have to pay higher fees if the board approves increased spending. The university will spend money that is already in the fund, said ASUM President Trevor Hunter. The money in this fund is often used for renovations or new technology purchases.

“No fee increases are actually happening,” he said. “It’s just authorizing where the fee goes.”

A Board of Regents policy that has been in place since 1999 requires student government approval when-

ever spending from a building fee paid by university students exceeds \$200,000.

Lynn Morrison-Hamilton, who sits on the Board of Regents, said the policy was put in place to ensure that students have some sort of input before a policy is brought before the board.

Morrison-Hamilton said the commissioner’s office probably realized the proposal did not comply with the 1999 policy when it recently reviewed the requests to be considered at the board’s meeting in Butte this Thursday and Friday.

Hunter said the Board of Regents asked the UM administration on

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UM students show internationals ins and outs of campus

Carly Flandro
MONTANA KAIMIN

The University of Montana’s foreign student population is full of questions. Do tears freeze in the winter? What’s a “s’more”? Where are all the malls?

Fortunately, the UM Global Partners Program is loaded with answers. Every semester, UM students team up with their international classmates to answer questions, share cultures and just hang out.

Foreign Student and Scholar Services initiated the program two de-

CADES ago to help newcomers cope with culture shock, loneliness and stress.

“UM has the highest number of foreign students in the state,” said Mary Nellis, foreign student adviser for FSSS. “There was a need for an innovative program like this.” This year, 67 international students have paired up with more than 50 UM student volunteers.

“I love it,” said volunteer Melissa Berry, a senior majoring in broadcast journalism. “It’s an excuse to talk to international students, which can be

hard because there are lots of barriers between cultures.”

After filling out a questionnaire about her interests, Berry was matched with Yo Kikuchi from Tokyo, Japan. Kikuchi, who is studying education with an emphasis in cultural adjustment, arrived in August and will stay until next May.

Despite the language barrier, the girls talk on the phone every day. And although Kikuchi has only been in Missoula for a short time, she said she’s already gotten a feel for it.

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This is senior Melissa Berry’s first year of involvement in the University of Montana’s Global Partners Program. Berry, who is paired with Japanese student Yo Kikuchi, said, “It’s really great. I don’t feel obligated or anything, she’s just my friend.”

Alisia Muhlestein / Montana Kaimin

TODAY ON CAMPUS

• Justice Antonin Scalia: “Constitutional Interpretation”
University Theatre, 2 p.m. Free. Seating is limited.

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Gatorade study set up at UM

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Editorial

Tobacco companies don't
deserve one bruise

In one commercial put out by theTruth.com, a dozen people pile body bags at the foot of a tobacco company's skyscraper. A man from the group looks up at the tall building and says into a megaphone, "We're going to leave this here for you so you can see what 1,200 people actually look like." This is how many people die from tobacco-related illnesses every day.

TheTruth.com has created other commercials – one has a man talking through a hole in his neck – to peg these tobacco companies as murderers. But they're not, and this man with the hole in his neck is not a helpless victim.

A tobacco executive in an Armani suit doesn't push lit cigarettes into a person's mouth every day for 30 years. Smokers willingly do that to themselves, knowing full well every time they take a deep, long drag that it will eventually kill them.

It's a choice.

And these days no one can sanely claim that tobacco companies keep the public in the dark about the effects of smoking and chewing. It causes cancer. It will kill you. Everyone knows that.

Every pack of smokes has a warning plastered on it declaring just that. Get over your hatred of tobacco companies. They're just selling a product. Just because someone sells a product doesn't mean you have to buy it.

Tobacco companies are no different from alcohol companies like Anheuser-Busch, which also sells a drug.

No one points a finger at alcohol manufacturers for people dying of liver disease, but tobacco companies have been getting hammered for decades. In 1970, tobacco companies were banned from advertising on television and radio, but sleek Skyy Vodka ads and clever Budweiser ads have free reign.

Tobacco companies are taking many more punches than they deserve. In fact, they don't deserve a bruise. Their ads should be allowed on air, and they should be left alone.

TheTruth.com has no right or reason to spit in the industry's faces. Instead, they should tell these "1,200 people a day" to wake up every day, walk into the bathroom, stand in front of the mirror and spit in their own faces, where it is due (before they die). Maybe then something can actually change.

Yelling at a skyscraper is just stupid and pointless.

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**Milltown site not all it's
cracked up to be**

It comes as no surprise that the cleanup plan at the former Milltown reservoir site has released tons of additional heavy metal sediments into the Clark Fork River. Recent statements by cleanup officials that Clark Fork River water is drinkable are simply ludicrous. The Milltown superfund cleanup is a classic example of what occurs when crooked politicians, corrupt incompetent bureaucrats and enviro groups collude with corporate criminals.

In Missoula, a town where, when the Forest Service attempts to cut a tree down, lawsuits are the norm. To let BP/Arco get away with permanently leaving 4.5 million cubic yards of heavy metals laden sediments in the Clark Fork River corridor at Milltown reveals the duplicitous nature of Missoula's enviro community. The Clark Fork Coalition, "river watchdog,"

**Students shouldn't fear vengeful
landlords**

I'm writing to follow up on a story in last week's Kaimin about Missoula's new renter safety program. The reporter did a great job, but I just want to clarify a few points concerning the program.

Since the story ran, I've talked with some students who have concerns about the places they are living in but fear retaliation by their landlords. While their hesitation is understandable, it should be clear that Montana law strictly prohibits retaliatory conduct. MCA 70-24-431 clearly states that once a tenant "has complained of a violation applicable to the premises materially



has proven they were interested in acquiring luxury office suites, a web cam and hawking vanity license plates, not a legitimate cleanup.

For years, Missoula County health department officials assured Montanans that leaving sediments in place at Milltown "was not an option" and that restoring the river to a natural state was the priority. Instead, Milltown got a very cheap, very dirty cleanup, which does not even rate as half ass.

It is not surprising though, when the intent of the politically brokered Milltown plan was not a thorough and reasonable cleanup, but a plan implemented in order to limit liability for BP/Arco and hand Washington Corp. a 120-million-dollar, no-bid contract.

affecting health and safety to a governmental agency charged with responsibility for enforcement of a building or housing code ... a landlord may not retaliate by increasing rent, by decreasing services, or by bringing or threatening to bring an action for possession." Should a landlord attempt to do so, he or she would face significant penalties in court, including, but not limited to, treble damages.

For a very limited period of time, a student can have his or her rental unit inspected for absolutely nothing. The City is partnering with ASUM to conduct 30 sponsored inspections for student renters at the University of Montana. The application process is

Runoff this spring in the upper Clark Fork River basin was barely a two-year event, yet migration of toxic sediments downstream reached the level of a more significant event. The Milltown cleanup plan is seriously flawed.

After cleanup work is completed, the assurances by corporate and governmental entities that a re-engineered river channel and vegetated stream banks will stabilize sediment transportation downriver will become a fantasy.

When the first big water rolls down the Clark Fork it will rip out vegetation, overflow the engineered stream channel and start transporting those 4.5 million cubic yards of poisoned sediments downstream. BP/Arco will be gone, Envirocon will be gone (known affectionately on the river as Enviroclown) and the Clark Fork will have once more been degraded by corporate and governmental malfeasance.

Bill Bakeberg

simple: Just stop by the Renter Center in the University Center and fill out a one-page form. Interested students should act quickly, as this opportunity will not last long.

Also, while supplies last, you will receive a mold test kit and carbon monoxide detector free of charge when you request an inspection. Neither is regulated by state building code, but both can lead to serious health effects if undetected or ignored.

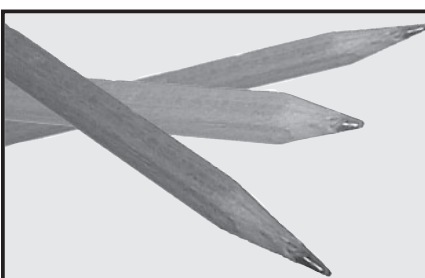
To schedule an inspection or find out more about the program, contact the City of Missoula Building Inspection Division at 406-552-6044.

Denver Henderson,
Director, ASUM Renter Center

Correction:

In Tuesday's Kaimin, the editorial contained a typographical error that stated: "Obama's bid for the presidency has electrified the 1-29 demographic..." The demographic should have read 18-29.

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Author warns of election fraud

Will Freihofer
MONTANA KAIMIN

Author Richard Hayes Phillips gave his presentation “How Election Fraud Stole the U.S. Presidential Election and How Citizen Audits Can Prevent a Repeat” Tuesday evening to some 50 community members in the North Underground Lecture Hall.

The author of “Witness to a Crime: A Citizen’s Audit of an American Election,” Phillips has spent much of the last five years investigating the outcome of the 2004 presidential election.

Focusing on President Bush’s slim victory in the state of Ohio—after which Democratic challenger John Kerry conceded the race—Phillips found what he considers indisputable evidence

of widespread voter fraud.

Phillips holds that the margin President Bush won the state by is accountable by often intentionally deceiving and completely illegal procedures aimed at suppressing Democratic votes.


Presenting a considerable volume of meticulously researched data concerning the election, Phillips urged those in attendance to be vigilant in their observation of the democratic process.

“Our vote is well worth fighting for,” he said. Phillips will be participating in an ongoing and open “Election Protection” workshop Wednesday from 1:30 to 4:30 in room 258 of the Social Sciences building.

Free pizza and protest songs will be provided for participants. william.freihofer@umontana.edu

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The President's Lecture Series 2008-2009

This year's President's Lecture Series will consist of eleven talks on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers. The University community and general public are cordially invited to attend all the lectures. Admission is free.

Terry Tempest Williams

Annie Clark Tanner Scholar in Environmental Humanities, University of Utah



“Finding Beauty in a Broken World”

(Brennan Guth Memorial Lecture in conjunction with the Environmental Studies Kittredge Distinguished Visiting Writer Program)

Known for her impassioned and lyrical prose, Terry Tempest Williams is the author of the environmental literature classic, *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place* (1992). The lecture will be drawn from her new book, scheduled for release next month, *Finding Beauty in a Broken World*.

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New Gatorade study tests bicycles on rigorous ride

Will Frehofer

MONTANA KAIMIN

Sweat dripped on the floor last Friday as two tight-suited riders whirled away at adjacent stations, their shuddering bike frames kept from leaping into the plate glass windows they faced by a small black stand attached to their rear tires.

Local bicyclists have been arriving at 5:30 a.m. for the last month to be submitted to a Gatorade Sports Science Institute-funded study being conducted at UM. Participants face rigorous physical testing in a new state-of-the-art laboratory on campus.

Constructed a year ago as an extension to existing health and human performance space on the southeast corner of McGill Hall, the new Montana Center for Work Physiology and Exercise Metabolism is currently working in conjunction with the Gatorade Sports Science Institute as well as Auburn and Louisiana State universities on its' first project.

"This is the first project we've done in the new facility," said center director Brent Ruby, who moved into his new office in the \$1.4 million addition less than a month ago.

Constructed largely with funding from the U.S. Air Force, the new center aims to attract further grants and contracts from organizations and agencies around the country that require testing of the human body's performance under strenuous physical conditions.

Currently underway is a Gatorade-sponsored project designed to determine the effect sports drinks with varied nutrient compositions have on cycling performance. Fifteen cyclists from Missoula were chosen for the study, including a number of University of Montana students and staff. Participant's names must remain confidential for legal reasons, Ruby said.

Riding stationary bikes facing a window overlooking the university's tennis courts, study participants must complete tightly controlled weekly cycling regiments

while being closely monitored by Ruby and his staff. After spending the first couple weeks familiarizing the subjects with the system and tailoring individual workouts to the riders' fitness levels, the program has now completed roughly half of its nine-week schedule.

"It's brutal," said one rider, dripping sweat while eyeing a small screen positioned in front of his CompuTrainer, the device that registers the wattage riders produce in their tests. "Basically it's riding hard for two hours, resting for two minutes, and then racing for 20 kilometers." Though given hardly any of the data from his rides, the participant estimated his last session amounted to around 60 miles of riding.

Starting next week, the riders will receive specially formulated sports drinks during their workouts. The drinks, provided by the Gatorade Sports Science Institute, will contain varied levels of carbohydrates and electrolytes, said program researcher John Cuddy.

"It's double-blind, so we don't even know what we're giving these guys," Cuddy said.

The times and wattage recorded will eventually be used to plot the subjects' physical threshold as it relates to the nutrients they received during the workout – a comparison that cannot occur at the center, as no one on campus can know the mystery drinks' makeup.

Data collected from the riders at UM as well as the parallel studies taking place at LSU, Auburn and the sports drink company's Chicago facilities, is sent weekly to a statistician for processing, according to Dr. JohnEric Smith, a senior scientist at Gatorade's Exercise Performance Lab.

The nationally prominent drink manufacturer is great to work with, Ruby said. "We have a really good relationship with those guys," he said.

"They want to know the bottom line, find out what works," Cuddy said.

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Kenneth Billington / Montana Kaimin

A participant in a project study sponsored by Gatorade rides a stationary bike in the new addition of McGill Hall Friday.

SPORTS

By Whitney Bermes

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Excitement filled the air as I walked into the West Auxiliary Gym. Sneakers laced and knee brace braced, I was ready to play some intramural basketball.

But as I approached the court and glanced at our opponents, some familiar faces immediately jumped out at me.

Two girls on the other team were members of last year's Lady Griz basketball squad.

For someone who really enjoys basketball but hasn't played competitively in over six years, seeing those girls took the wind right out of my sails. I was looking forward to playing against girls in my same situation – girls who love basketball but might not have played for a while, or who don't have the op-

portunity to play a varsity sport. I didn't think I'd have to face girls who have played some of the best basketball players in the country.

Thankfully, my team's manager approached one of the officials after the first half and explained the situation. The referee spoke to the other team and told one of the ex-Lady Griz she couldn't play the second half.

The intramural manual clearly states: "Former intercollegiate athletes are not eligible to compete in a similar intramural sports event until one full academic year has passed following their last intercollegiate affiliation."

There was absolutely no reason to allow those ex-Lady Griz players on the court, period. Most in-

tramural players are nowhere near the caliber of Division I athletes.

This rule's purpose is to protect intramural athletes from having to face collegiate players. It's unfair, it's embarrassing and it robs intramurals of their principles.

Unfortunately for non-varsity athletes, these situations are common.

For example, a handful of ex-Griz soccer players from last year's team were part of a co-rec intramural squad. But because opposing teams complained, Intramural Manager Natalie Hiller declared two of the girls ineligible.

I'm not trying to imply that anyone who has ever been part of an intercollegiate team should be banned from intramural sports indefinitely. They simply need to fol-

low the rules like everyone else.

We shouldn't have to complain to management about rule breakers. They should stop ineligible players from the get-go.

Intramural Program officials need to be more consistent in their policy enforcements. The rules are crystal clear. They don't leave wiggle room. If they disallow former Griz soccer players from participating, they need to do the same for every other league sport.

Intramurals are meant to be a fun activity for all involved. Teams will win and teams will lose. But there is absolutely no fun involved if a former Division I athlete is mopping the floor with his opponent.

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Sports Briefs

Cross Country

Montana cross-country runner Allie Brosh took home this week's Big Sky Conference women's Athlete of the Week honors. The senior finished third overall in the three-mile race at Saturday's Montana State Invitational cross-country meet. She finished with a time of 17:20, leading Montana to a fourth-place finish.

Football

The Big Sky Conference has suspended Eastern Washington player Charlie Wulff because of actions in EWU's game last week against Western Washington. Wulff, who is a senior, was ejected in the fourth quarter after throwing a punch at an opposing player. The 6-foot, 270-pound center will serve his suspension in the first half of EWU's game against Idaho State on Sept. 27.

Lady Griz soccer struggling to score this season

Colter Nunez

MONTANA KAIMIN

One common goal drives team sports: outscoring the opponent. But as the University of Montana soccer team has learned over the last season and a half, goals are often set more easily than scored.

Montana has been plagued by offensive deficiencies, the likes of which the Big Sky Conference has rarely seen.

Last season the Grizzlies managed to convert just 10 of their shots on goal into scores. That total is the third lowest team total in conference history.

This season has been no different. Nine games into the 2008 campaign, Montana has been outscored 14-3 while also losing the shots on goal battle 55-22.

Sophomore Kaitlyn Heinsohn has been a bright spot on offense, leading Montana last season with three goals and scoring all three goals this season. Heinsohn is also responsible for over half (12) of Montana's shots on goal.

"Kaitlyn is a very good attacker — her strength is taking defenders on and creating shot opportunities," said senior defender Sara Aspinwall. "She is more experienced than the other forwards, and I'm sure that maturity has something to do with her having the majority of our shots."

The Grizzlies entered the season with 13 new players, 12 of whom had no collegiate experience. The team has experienced growing pains, but junior midfielder Grace McKoy is optimistic about the progress they've been making.

"Honestly, it's just a matter of time before we start scoring goals," McKoy said. "We have a lot of young players who are getting better and better every game. It's really about them becoming more confident and knowing that they are just as good as the girls they are playing."

Despite Montana's struggles on offense, they have been buoyed by their defense. Montana managed to win just three of their 17 contests last season and is 1-6-1, but they have been very close on many occasions.

Six times in the past season and a half, the scoreboard at the end of the game has read 1-0 with Montana on the losing side.

Goalkeeper Grace Harris and a trio of defenders, including Aspinwall and juniors Abby Grafft and Danielle McQuinn, have helped the Grizzlies post three shutouts over the past two seasons. Montana managed to notch a victory in just one of



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Senior midfielder and forward Sara Campbell looks on after slide tackling Jenna Robison from the University of Washington for possession on Aug. 28. Montana has only scored three goals so far this season, continuing to carry on offensive struggles from last year's 10-goal season.

those games, a 1-0 win last fall against Oregon.

"I think the whole team is frustrated because we know how well we are playing," Aspinwall said.

In a recent stretch, the Grizzlies dropped a 1-0 decision in Spokane before going to the University of Hawaii and playing the Warriors to a 0-0 tie and losing to the 20th-ranked

UC-Santa Barbara Gauchos.

"We just need to overcome things like not scoring goals," Aspinwall said.

Statistics can often be deceiving. Montana is averaging just over two shots per contest, but being outshot 55-22 at this point of the season doesn't tell the whole story.

Montana's opponents are averaging just over six shots on goal this season. While that is nearly three times what the


Grizzlies have managed, if they continue to hold opponents to low scores they will break the school record of just under 10 SOG per game posted by the 2004 Montana squad, the last time the Griz reached the Big Sky championship game. If the defense continues to shine, Montana will also break the all-time BSC mark set by Sacramento State four seasons ago of just over eight and a half SOG per game.

Aspinwall said that Montana recently revamped its formations, adding more numbers on the front line in an effort to provide more frequent opportunities to score for its forwards. She said the team is getting more and more comfortable with the change and being more aggressive attacking the goal.

"I feel that it is a combination of our team being young and inexperienced, but we are creating more attack lately," Aspinwall said. "It really is a question of when goals are going to start happening because we are creating the opportunities."

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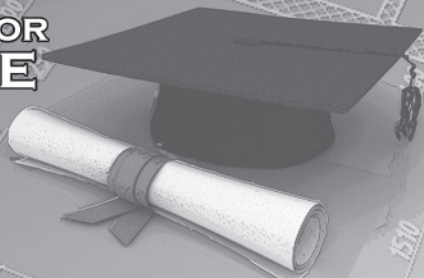
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Fish still swimming after Milltown Dam removal

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Nearly six months after the removal of the Milltown Dam, the Clark Fork River's fish are hurting, but recovering, according to Missoula-area biologists.

The short-term effects of the dam's removal have been detrimental to fish populations below the dam, but in the long term the health of the Clark Fork watershed's ecosystem is expected to greatly improve.

Dam removal activities began in 2006. But the highlight of the removal occurred on March 28 as the Milltown cofferdam was breached, allowing the Clark Fork and Blackfoot Rivers to flow freely for the first time since the dam's completion in 1908.

David Schmetterling, a fisheries research biologist with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, has been monitoring the Clark Fork River's fish population since 2004 and has closely tracked the effects of the dam removal.

He has found that the heightened sediment and metal content in the water created by the dam removal has increased fish mortality, but he expects the fish population to fully recover in the long term and gain resiliency.

The Milltown Dam site is the country's largest Environmental Protection Agency Superfund site. For over 70 years, the Clark Fork River was inundated with metal-laced tailings from mining and smelter operations in Butte and Anaconda. The reservoir cre-

ated by the dam was home to over two million cubic yards of metal, including copper, zinc, iron and manganese.

The Milltown Dam was harmful to fish for three main reasons: it exposed them to toxic sediment, prevented spawning efforts and provided a breeding ground for non-native predatory fish like northern pike.

"The sediments that have accumulated behind the dam affect the survival of fish and the fitness of fish," Schmetterling said.

About every 10 years, the Clark Fork River experienced periods of heavy sediment release during high-flow events and ice jams, which spelled disaster for fish populations.

Copper tailings are particularly harmful to fish because the metal causes their gills to secrete extra mucus, which in turn causes suffocation.

"We should see the condition of fish improve and the resilience of the population improve because they won't be constantly subjected to fish kills from the sediments," Schmetterling said.

Schmetterling estimated that the dam impeded spawning efforts of up to 200,000 fish annually. Native trout such as bull and west slope cutthroat were especially debilitated by the dam's presence because they are more inclined to swim upstream to spawn in their birthplaces than other species of fish.

The Milltown Dam was also responsible for high populations of northern pike, illegally introduced

fish that have gained a stronghold in the warm, shallow waters below the reservoir and prey upon trout trying to gain passage upstream. Without the dam, the river has become more inhospitable to pike and eventually the populations will wash downstream, according to Schmetterling.

Six cage sites along the watershed have been regularly monitored since 2006 to determine the health and survival rates of fish. The sites — located both above and below the Milltown Dam — are on the Clark Fork at Turah, the Blackfoot at Bonner, the Clark Fork at Milltown, the Bitterroot near Missoula and the Clark Fork at Alberton.

Each site contains three cages and each cage houses 25 small rainbow trout. The Turah site served as a control for the observations. Histological evaluations were done on the caged trout. The fishes' tissues and organs were examined, along with their metal content.

Overall, Schmetterling found that the first years of dam removal activity — 2006 and 2007 — were particularly hard on fish. Although Envirocon, the company contracted to do the remediation, did not exceed water quality standards, unusually high water temperatures created an extra stressor for the fish that ultimately led to high mortality rates.

Schmetterling said the fish weren't dying strictly due to sediment exposure or increased metal content in the Clark Fork. Instead, the conditions made them more susceptible to bacterial infections that

resulted in their death.

"That's the fascinating thing. No one really expected that," Schmetterling said. "Really it's a combination of a lot of things that on their own wouldn't kill fish, but ultimately lead to their mortality."

This year has been much kinder for fish populations throughout the watershed, largely because the water temperatures have been lower.

Schmetterling also used radio telemetry to determine the survival and location of 12-to-14-inch rainbow trout.

"There were lots of changes made along the way that really benefited fish," Schmetterling said.

Structures were installed to reduce water velocity and the bypass channels were widened to encourage fish travel upstream. The radio telemetry revealed that fish were able to spawn in their birthplaces without the obstruction of the dam for the first time in over 100 years.

Fish mortality due to remediation activities is still an issue, especially below the dam. But there is also greater mobility within the watershed, which has led to population redistribution. There are more fish upstream of the dam.

Matt Potter, co-owner of The Kingfisher fly shop and a fly-fishing guide for over 20 years, has noticed the population shift.

"The Clark Fork above the dam is fishing very well," Potter said.

Schmetterling said people can eat the fish they catch in the lower Clark Fork, but he advises refraining from eating the organs and stick-

ing to younger fish because older fish have accumulated more heavy metals in their tissues.

Potter and his partner have redirected their business based upon the dam removal. He said historically the lower Clark Fork was their most popular river to guide on, but in the last couple years they have shifted their business to other rivers in the area including the Missouri, the Bitterroot and the Blackfoot.

He has also noticed a marked decline in the invertebrate population since the dam removal began, specifically in the section directly below the dam down to Alberton.

FWP and the EPA have collected invertebrate samples and are waiting on lab information to determine if the invertebrates have taken in heavy metals, said Keith Large, Milltown project officer for the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

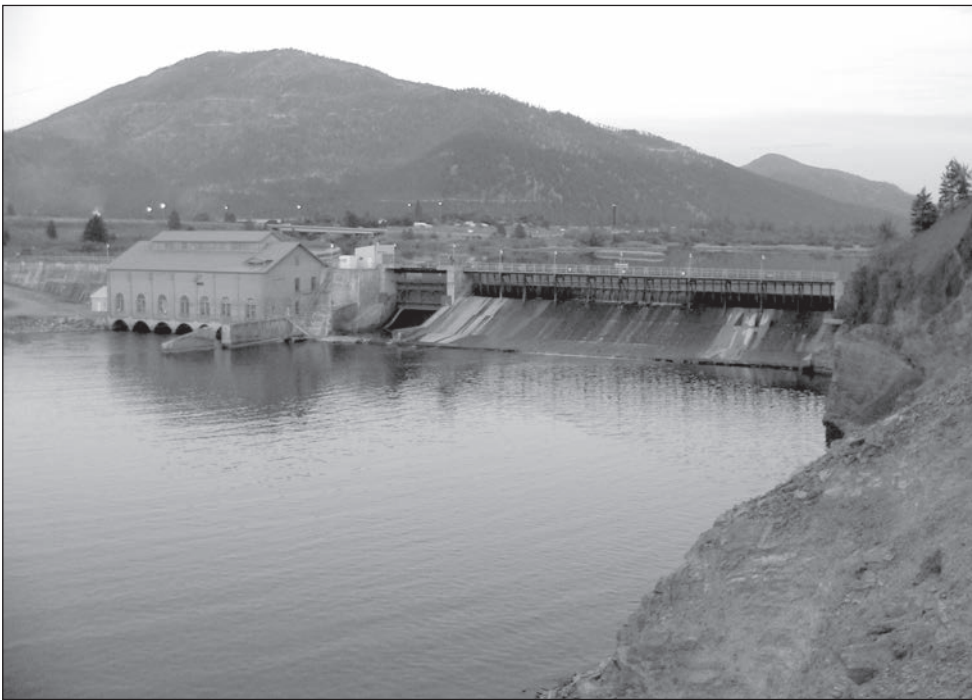
Despite the short-term effects on fishing, Potter is still in favor of the Milltown Dam's removal.

"Long term, removing the dam is the best thing we could have done for the ecosystem," Potter said. "That dam was moving two inches a year. It needed to go."

The final stage of dam removal — the spillway removal — is slated for completion in the first couple weeks of November, said Large.

So far, about half of the reservoir's toxic sediments have been removed — about 1.1 million cubic yards. Large said sediment removal will continue for another year and a half.

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The Milltown Dam in 2005 (left) near Bonner and the location where the dam used to be (right). Before the dam was breached, toxic sediment accumulation in the water threatened fish populations. The dam also provided a good spot for the northern pike, a predatory fish, to breed.

New study examines effects of climate change on Clark Fork

Heather Roussi

MONTANA KAIMIN

A recent study organized by the Clark Fork Coalition may shed light on how global climate change affects the waterways and wildlife in western Montana.

The study, entitled "Low Flows, Hot Trout: Climate Change in the Clark Fork Watershed," was also used to jumpstart forum discussions about Missoula-area water quality at the 2008 Headwaters Summit at the University of Montana last week.

"One of our projects as a whole is to raise awareness of climate change in western Montana," said Chris Brick, staff scientist at the

Clark Fork Coalition.

Since 1950, the overall average temperature in Missoula has increased about 2 degrees, which puts many native Montana species at risk, Brick said.

Animals that are most adaptable to changing climates, such as white-tailed deer and elk, are likely to do well in the future, he said.

Animals that depend on cold, winter climates for survival, such as bears, wolves and especially fish, will likely have to migrate to colder climates as the Missoula area temperatures rise.

Fish in area waterways are especially at stake since they depend on cold temperatures from spawn to

adulthood, according to the study.

"Fish around here are adapted to the cold water they've experienced for thousands of years before this," said Pat Saffel, a regional fisheries manager with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

Saffel said rainbow or bull trout could migrate to colder waters with bass and pike taking their places, and Montana anglers would have to respond accordingly.

"In the past we've had fish restrictions and sometimes even closures in areas where the water is too warm," Saffel said.

FWP also devised a drought plan in 2004 calling for fishing restrictions after three consecutive

days of temperatures too warm for native trout.

Groups from all over western Montana, including Montana Trout Unlimited, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Clark Fork Coalition gathered at the Summit to take part in forum discussions on educating communities and regulating water use and quality.

"We wanted to talk about the reaction," said Brianna Randall, water policy director for the Clark Fork Coalition, while sitting in on the "Educating People to Act" forum.

"People are definitely noticing a change," she said. "Now what we really want to do is create action at a grassroots level. We're

really making sure we do it with a long-term view."

Randall said everyone involved in the Summit hopes to continue the conversation via a summary paper the Clark Fork Coalition will publish in the following weeks. The group also would like to share ideas on how to fit water laws from other states into Montana state Legislature.

"Hopefully we can spur private landowners to engage in restoration activities, like saving water for stream flows, and then spread out across the region and replicate them in other places in the Northern Rockies," Randall said.

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Cyclocross series slated for Wednesday nights

Will Frehofer

MONTANA KAIMIN

The first of this year's annual Missoula Wednesday Night Cyclocross series is slated to kick off at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Fort Missoula. Cyclocross is a biking discipline that involves fast and hectic racing around a roughly two-mile track for a set period of time, which is usually less than an hour.

Riders generally must jump off their bikes and shoulder them to make it over sections of the course, which typically contains a variety of sharp turns and terrain as well as man-made obstacles.

"Basically, whoever's ahead after 45 minutes wins," said Ben Horan, a senior geology major at the University of Montana. Horan has raced cyclocross for the last three years. Races feature mass starts, requiring participants to be wary of their competitors as well as the challenging track layout.

The course at Fort Missoula will be different for each of the Wednesday night series' five races, with volunteers contributing to each week's design, Horan said.

One week it could be dirt, the next, grass.

Volunteers move the obstacles and tweak the jumps, according to the USA Cycling-sanctioned cyclocross 2008 rulebook, which allows for sanctioned courses to be constructed in a

variety of different ways.

Though there is some question to the specific origins of cyclo-cross, many trace its roots to late 19th century France, when a small number of competitive road bikers began racing one another over rough terrain to stay fit during the winter months.

The sport gained popularity after elite Tour de France riders began attributing their success to their winter

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cyclocross regimens.

Now a popular discipline in its own right, many professional riders specialize in the once-fringe sport of cyclocross.

"Everybody does it now because it's fun," Horan said.

The weekly races have always been a popular local draw, but coordinators are looking to increase participation and attendance this fall.

"In the past we've had 40 or 50 racers out on a good week," Horan said. "We're hoping to get even more this year."

Joining the field for the first time

Wednesday night will be Bryce Daviess, a junior in the recreation management program at Montana.

"I'm really excited for the races. It's going to be a blast," he said.

Daviess, who has a downhill racing background, said he likes the varied nature of the riding required in cyclocross. "It's a mixture of everything," Daviess said. "A lot of the road-biking strategy comes out on the flats, and you see more mountain biking-like stuff on the hills." And then there are the carriers.

USA Cycling-sanctioned cyclocross courses (like the ones being constructed at Fort Missoula) may have a maximum of six obstacles intended to oblige riders to get off and carry their bikes, according to the organization's 2008 rulebook. Such requirements, along with the premium placed on prolonged speed, drive competitive racers to use specialized bikes for the events. "Basically, it's a burly road bike with mountain bike brakes and knobby tires," Horan said. Horan and Daviess both emphasize that the Wednesday night series is open to everyone. Interested amateurs are welcome to bring and race bikes of their choosing provided they pay the race's \$5 per night entry fee. "The more beginners, the better," Horan said.



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Sophomore Simon Apostol jumps a practice barrier Monday afternoon in preparation for the cyclocross race on Wednesday. Despite the heavy rain, racers showed up to work on their form. "It is very similar to cross country (running), and it isn't called off for weather. Lightning is a little bit sketchy though," Apostol said.

Acclaimed travel cyclist coming to UM

Jeff Osteen

MONTANA KAIMIN

One of the bicycle world's travel experts will be visiting the University of Montana campus this week to tell his tales of biking beyond the headlines.

Willie Weir, acclaimed writer and avid traveler, will be speaking about his biking treks through Colombia and Venezuela at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Urey Lecture Hall.

"The latest trip to Colombia came at a time when the country has become just safe enough that it is being discovered by travelers," said Weir, who made the trip with his wife, climbing somewhere between 80,000 and 100,000 total feet through the Andes during the course of the trip.

"It comes down very often to not how far, but how steep," he said.

Weir has cycled over 60,000 miles throughout the world and was given a gold Lowell Thomas Award by the Society of American Travel Writers.

He is a columnist for Adventure Cyclist magazine and the author of "Spokesongs," a book chronicling his bicycle adventures over three continents.

"I love to travel to places in transition," he said.

Weir said he has cycled through South Africa, the Balkans, Cuba and Turkey, all during significant points in the countries' developing histories.

"Albania had just opened up, and for the first time in over 60 years it was possible to travel in all the countries of the Balkans," Weir said.

He also biked through South Africa the year after Nelson Mandela was elected president and through Turkey two weeks after the war began in Iraq.

Weir said unlike other travelers, he spends months in the countries he visits, which is enough time to feel the pulse and understand the culture.

"You go through plenty of emotional roller coasters in the course of a trip," he said. "The more you do it, the easier it is to keep calm and sane."

The event is sponsored by UM's Campus Recreation Department and the Missoula-based Adventure Cycling Association, an organization that arranges bicycle travel tours around the world.

When Adventure Cycling brought Weir to Missoula in the past, he was so well received that UM decided to bring him back.

Weir, a Seattle native, is giving his talk as part of an eight-stop lecture circuit. His UM stop will be the only lecture in the series that is free to the public.

"His lectures are dynamic," said Greg Siple, art director and co-founder of Adventure Cycling. "He has this grand ability to come back and tell his story in an entertaining way."

Siple said Weir's general philosophy matches that of Adventure Cycling, which is to unearth adventure through bicycling.

Weir said that mentally, traveling is all about perspective.

"Caution keeps you aware," he said, "fear keeps you away."

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ASUM

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Monday whether the students had approved the spending plan, and the administration said they hadn't. ASUM hadn't planned to meet this week, but Hunter called an emergency meeting to vote on the building fee before the Board of Regents considered the request later this week.

ASUM Vice President Siri Smillie said that even if the senate had not approved the spending, the Board of

Regents still could have. However, she said, the board generally doesn't just ignore student opinions.

Although the policy has been in place for about nine years, Smillie said ASUM has not been consulted on such spending questions in recent memory.

Sheila Stearns, commissioner of Higher Education, said this is probably because it has been a while since the Board has been asked to approve building fees exceeding \$200,000. This is because private donors or

general funds have funded the majority of recent building projects.

Private donations are also funding the majority of the construction costs for the Native American Center, but the primary donor has threatened to withdraw this money if the project is delayed any longer, said Dean of Students Charles Couture. Many ASUM senators questioned whether it was reasonable to designate such a large amount of money for one program, while others thought it was best to just approve the spending.

New ASUM Senator Tony Brockman said the university would get the money one way or another.

"It's just best if we approve this resolution and we go on with our evenings," he said. Hunter countered this statement by reminding the senate that their decision had weight and that it was important to take it seriously.

He also challenged concerns

that approving the spending would be giving too much support to one group.

"It's ridiculous to argue that we shouldn't fund this because it's only for Native American students," he said. Nevertheless, Stusek, who opposed the spending, said he was wary of the message the decision would send.

"It almost seems like we're taking a preference and setting a bad precedent," he said. He said he sees ASUM as a representative of UM students, and he didn't think all students would support the spending measures.

Stusek said he knew the senate's decision wouldn't be close, so he took the opportunity to make his position clear, acknowledging that it is somewhat controversial.

"I'm not making any friends," he said.

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Along with encouraging Kikuchi to try American cuisine at the Food Zoo, Berry has been warming her partner up to Montana in more literal ways since Kikuchi is apprehensive about the looming winter season.

"I'm scared of getting cold," she said.

So Berry took her shopping for hats and mittens and informed her that tears don't actually freeze when the temperature drops.

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